DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Safety Advisory 22–3 Steering Gearbox Bolt Failure

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Safety Advisory.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is issuing Safety Advisory 22–3 to recommend that transit agencies identify Nova Bus models manufactured in 2018 or later that use a Bosch steering gearbox affixed to the vehicle frame through a mounting plate and perform inspections, as recommended by Nova Bus. In addition, FTA recommends that any transit agency that identifies buses equipped with this mounting plate assembly submit a summary of their findings to FTA. FTA Safety Advisory 22–3 "Steering Gearbox Bolt Failure" is available in its entirety on FTA's Safety Advisory website: (https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/fta-safety-advisories).

DATES: FTA recommends that transit agencies perform the actions described in SA 22–3 by [INSERT DATE 15 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. In addition, FTA recommends that affected transit agencies submit a summary of their findings to FTA via email at FTASystemSafety@dot.gov by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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